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SUBJ: UN SECRETARY GENERAL KURT WALDHEIM'S CLOSING
STATEMENT TO THE 7TH SPECIAL SESSION

1. SUMMARY. UN SECRETARY GENERAL WALDHEIM STATED APPROVAL THAT THE WORLD COMMUNITY WAS BEGINNING TO PAY ATTENTION TO ECONOMIC PROBLEMS, AND NOTED WITH PRIDE THE UN'S IMPORTANT ROLE IN THIS PROCESS. HE POINTED OUT THAT THE AREA OF COMMODITIES REMAINED THE MOST INTRACTABLE PROBLEM AND URGED SERIOUS NEGOTIATION TOWARD A SOLUTION, POINTING OUT A ROLE FOR THE UN IN THIS AND OTHER ECONOMIC AREAS, PARTICULARLY ENERGY. HE CONCLUDED BY CALLING FOR THE UN TO DEAL MORE DIRECTLY WITH THE AREA OF SOCIAL JUSTICE. END SUMMARY.

2. UN SECRETARY GENERAL KURT WALDHEIM ADDRESSED THE CLOSING SESSION OF THE 7TH SPECIAL SESSION ON SEPTEMBER 16TH. HE NOTED WITH APPROVAL THAT THE WORLD COMMUNITY HAD BEGUN TO PAY ATTENTION TO ECONOMIC PROBLEMS AND NOTED WITH PRIDE THE
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IMPORTANT ROLE OF THE UN IN THIS PROCESS. HE STATED

THAT MANY OF THE KEY CONCEPTS NOW BEING DISCUSSED IN OTHER ORGANIZATIONS, THE IMF MEMBERSHIP EXPANSION AND WORLD BANK GOLD SALE, FOR EXAMPLE, HAD THEIR ORIGIN IN THE UN, THUS ILLUSTRATING THE UN'S CAPACITY TO ACT CONSTRUCTIVELY. HE ALSO PRAISED THE UN'S ABILITY TO OVERCOME SIZE AS AN OBSTACLE TO SERIOUS NEGOTIATION, CITING THE 7TH SPECIAL SESSION AS AN EXAMPLE.

3. WALDHEIM WENT ON TO POINT OUT THAT THE AREA OF COMMODITIES REMAINED THE MOST INTRACTABLE PROBLEM FACING THE WORLD AND URGED THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY TO NEGOTIATE SERIOUSLY ON THIS SUBJECT. HE EXPRESSED HOPE THAT THIS AND OTHER PROBLEMS WOULD BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT WITH THE SPIRIT SHOWN AT THE SPECIAL SESSION. HE ALSO POINTED OUT A ROLE FOR THE UN IN THE AREA OF TRADE REFORM AND ALTERNATIVE GLOBAL ENERGY APPROACHES, GOING INTO CONSIDERABLE DETAIL ABOUT THE POSSIBILITIES OF THE LATTER.

4. WHILE HIS STATEMENT HAD MUCH IN IT THAT WAS LAUDATORY, WALDHEIM CONCLUDED BY STATING THAT "WE ARE NOT ADVANCING TOWARD SOCIAL JUSTICE," AND CALLED FOR THE UN TO DEAL WITH THIS AREA MORE DIRECTLY AND WITH GREATER EMPHASIS.
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